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THE AGRICULTURAL HISTORY NEWSLETTER

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IN MEMORY OF. Gladys L. Baker, nationally-known agricultural historian, died in Des Moines, Iowa, on January 1, 1991. She had served in the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., from 1938 until her retirement in 1982. Born in Beaconsfield, Iowa, she attended Stephens College, the University of Michigan, and the University of Chicago, where she obtained a Ph.D. degree. Dr. Baker began working for the Department of Agriculture as an agricultural economist in 1938, but transferred to the History Office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in 1942 to head the Department's war history project. She remained in the History Office, now the Agricultural and Rural History Section of the Economic Research Service, through the remainder of her career.

Dr. Baker became an outstanding authority on the history of Federal agricultural policies and programs and their administration. She made a major contribution to applying historical background to solving present-day programs and was consulted by Secretaries of Agriculture, Congressional leaders, and scholars throughout the nation. Dr. Baker was the author and co-author of numerous books and articles. Her best-known books were The County Agent and Century of Service: The First 100 Years of the United States Department of Agriculture, of which she was the senior author. She was an active member of the Agricultural History Society, serving as its president from 1970 to 1971.

MEETINGS. The 1991 Southeast Regional Meeting of the Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums will be held at the Museum of American Frontier Culture on February 8-10, 1991. For further information, please contact: Mark Gatewood, Museum of American Frontier Culture, P. O. Box 810, Staunton, VA 24401-0576, (703) 332-7850; or Dan Freas, Horn Creek Living History Farm, 280 S. Liberty St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101, (919) 722-9346.

The Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, will hold a daylong symposium on

"Early Foodways of the Albemarle Region, 1585-1830," on March 16, 1991. It will examine the diets of the African-American, native American, and English settlers of the Albemarle region. For information, please telephone the Museum of the Albemarle at (919) 335-1453.

The Agricultural History Society, in conjunction with the American Agricultural Economics Association and the Rural Sociological Society, is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Strategies and Future Agendas for the Rural Social Sciences," to be held in Kansas City, August 1-4, 1991. This workshop is the culmination of an effort by the Social Science Agricultural Agenda Project to identify areas in which rural social science research is needed and delineate ways in which rural social scientists can become more fully involved in the agricultural research system. Interested agricultural historians are urged to participate in this interdisciplinary endeavor. For further information, please contact: Glen Johnson, Department of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48824-1039.

EUROPEAN LIVING HISTORICAL FARMS. Open Air Museums, the European equivalent of American living historical farms, offer living recreations of life in the past similar to Old Sturbridge Village. They also offer opportunities for research. Recently, Dr. W. Conner Sorensen, University of Alaska Southeast, was awarded a Fulbright grant to lecture at the University of Eichstatt-Ingolstadt, Germany, for the 1990-91 academic year. In addition to lecturing on American agricultural history and other subjects, he will be able to conduct field research at various Open Air Museums in Germany.

FARM MACHINERY. The J. I. Case Collector's Association was founded in July 1985 at the Darke County Steam Thresherman's Convention, Greenville, Ohio. From that beginning, the group has grown to include members in 49 states and 8 foreign countries. The JICCA promotes appreciation of the people, equipment and history surrounding the J.I. Case Company. The club

publication, Old Abe's News, features stories in each quarterly issue about Case collectors and their machines, original Case history articles about inventions, mergers, and the trials and tribulations of the pioneers who provided the tools that helped take the human drudgery out of farming. For a free illustrated brochure and membership application for the JICCA, please contact: Dave Erb, JICCA, Rt. 2, Box 242, Vinton, OH 45686. Membership dues are \$15 per year.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT. The West Virginia State Farm Museum, Point Pleasant, West Virginia, finds itself with a surplus of old metal and wooden threshing machines, wooden corn shellers, and seed cleaners. If you are interested in any such items, please contact: Austin Jones, West Virginia State Farm Museum, RT. 1, Box 479, Point Pleasant, WV 25550. (304) 675-5737.

CURRENT JOURNALS. Many scientific journals occasionally carry an historical article. For example, Edward H. Smith and Carol Anelli Sheppard discuss the history of entomological journals in "A Heritage of Distinguished Journalism: A Look Back at the ESA Paper Trail," in American Entomologist, Spring 1990, pp. 7-17. Alan E. Fusonie discusses the history of strawberry breeding in "Dr. George Darrow: Legacy and Foundation for Tomorrow's Strawberries," in Advances in Strawberry Production, Vol. 9, 1990, pp. 45-47.

James C. Cobb concludes that "when economic reform proceeds under safeguards against redistribution of wealth or power, civil and political rights will prove difficult to extend and dangerous to exercise" in "Somebody Done Nailed Us on the Cross: Federal Farm and Welfare Policy and the Civil Rights Movement in the Mississippi Delta," in Journal of American History, December 1990, pp. 912-936.

The connection between rural landownership and income distribution is examined by Loren Brandt and Barbara Sands in "Beyond Malthus and Ricardo: Economic Growth, Land Concentration, and Income Distribution in Early Twentieth-Century Rural China," in Journal of Economic History, December 1990, pp. 807-827. Copies of the journal are available for \$7.50 from: Cambridge University Press, 40 West 20th St., New York, NY 10011.

PUBLICATIONS. Chronological Landmarks in American Agriculture (AIB-425), compiled by Maryanna S. Smith and Dennis M. Roth, revised

November 1990, lists major events in the history of American agriculture. This edition updates a publication with the same title written by Maryanna S. Smith and last printed in 1980. Maryanna S. Smith is a retired USDA historian. Dennis Roth is a historian with the USDA Economic Research Service. For copies, please write to: ERS-NASS, P.O. Box 1608, Rockville, MD 20849-1608. The cost is \$11 per copy. Non-U.S. addresses (including Canada), please add 25 percent. Orders will be filled by first-class mail.

Hill Country Teacher: Oral Histories from the One-Room School and Beyond, by Diane Manning. 1990. 216 pp. Twayne Publishers (please order from: Macmillan Distribution Center, 100 Front St., Box 500, Riverside, NJ 08075-7500. \$20.95). Oral testimonies of teachers from Texas's rural, impoverished Hill Country.

Landscape Painting and the Agricultural Revolution, by G. E. Fussell. 1990. 118 pp. Pindar Press, 66 Lyncroft Gardens, London NW6 1JY, England, 75 British pounds. The development of landscape painting in England during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries was related to the agricultural revolution.

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MEETINGS. The Agricultural History Society will hold its annual meeting in Louisville, Kentucky at the Galt Hotel on Friday, April 12, 1991, in conjunction with the meetings of the Organization of American Historians. The Executive Committee will hold a breakfast meeting at 7:30 a.m. The annual luncheon will be at 12:00 noon. David Danbom will deliver his presidential address, "Romantic Agrarianism in Twentieth Century America," at the luncheon. The address will be followed by a business meeting. Tickets for the luncheon are \$15. OAH has scheduled two additional sessions of interest to agricultural historians, both on Sunday, April 14, at 9:00 a.m. The first, on Agrarian Movements in Early Twentieth-Century America, will be chaired by Nan Woodruff, with papers by James S. Bissett, Tracy A. Campbell, and Hal S. Barron. The second, on Twentieth-Century Farm Movements and Politics, will be chaired by Lowell K. Dyson, with papers by William C. Pratt and William P. Browne and comments by Trudy H. Peterson and Robert C. McMath. For information on the Agricultural History Society sessions, please write to: Wayne Rasmussen, Agricultural History Society, Room 928, 1301 New York Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20005-4788.

"Unearthing the Victorian Garden" is the subject of Mystic Seaport Museum's Ninth Annual Victorian Yankee program on March 9, 1991 at the Seamen's Inn in Mystic, Connecticut. The day-long program begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. Cost for the event, including coffee, danish and lunch is \$42 for Seaport members. The program is for anyone who is interested in period gardens and historic landscapes. The Victorian Era was a time of prosperity as agriculture gave way to industry. Gardening became a popular pastime according to Rudy Favretti, professor emeritus at the University of Connecticut, and a landscape architect. Favretti also states that for the first time, exotic plants, flowers and shrubbery found popularity in suburban plots. The greenhouse, nearly non-existent 100 years before, became common. This period is known as the golden age of horticulture.

For registration or information, please call: The Seaport's Education Department, (203) 572-0711.

Strawbery Banke Museum, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03802-0300, is sponsoring a symposium on Saturday, April 13, 1991 on "Food, Glorious Food!: The History and Presentation of Food in New England." Participants will survey two centuries of foodways. Discussion include methods and hazards of displaying food in historic house museums. For information, please call: Strawberry Banke Museum, (603) 433-1100.

CALL FOR PAPERS. The Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums is sponsoring a competition among research papers from college or university students currently enrolled in museum studies, history, or internships. Please send proposals to: Susan A. Hanson, History/Historic Preservation Program, P. O. Box 27032, Richmond, VA 23273 or call her for information on (804) 672-5123 by March 1, 1991.

The 26th annual Northern Great Plains History Conference will be held on October 3-5, 1991 in Mankato, Minnesota. Those interested in participating should submit proposals in all fields of history and history-related subjects to: William E. Lass, NGPHC Coordinator, History Department, Mankato State University, Mankato, MN 56002-8400. (507) 389-1618, office; (507) 388-4086, home. Proposal deadline is April 1, 1991.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY. Working closely with the Office of Public Affairs of the USDA, the Library has put together laser disc technology which allows quick access to USDA photographs. Alan Fusonie and Ronald Young, together with Bill Hauser, who recently retired from NAL, have developed two laser discs that contain 50,000 current and historic agricultural images. One disc includes historic photographs from the files of the U. S. Forest Service. The other disc has nearly 16,000 images from the current photography files of the USDA. The discs are about the size of long-playing

photograph records and contain black-and-white photographs, color slides, botanical illustrations, and television public service advertisements. Using a computer database developed by NAL staff with software from C-Quest, individual images can be located in seconds and displayed on a monitor.

Fusonie, head of the NAL Special Collections Unit, said the system works to protect photographs by eliminating the need to touch them when perusing the files. Some date back more than 100 years and are delicate, yet they have tremendous historical value and should continue to be used in illustrating articles and books. The laser discs cut down on their handling, extending their useful lives. The disc system, consisting of either the Forest Service or the USDA photo discs and the database is being sold by the Federal Computer Product Center of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) for about \$500. The discs sell for \$95 each. The address of NTIS is 5285 Port Royal Rd., Springfield, VA 22161, (703) 487-4650. The equipment needed to use the system costs about \$2,500. The search software containing the synonym-based thesaurus is available commercially.

To obtain disc and database ordering information, please call or write: Photography Division, Office of Public Affairs, Room 4404-South, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th St. & Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-1300. (202) 447-6633.

PUBLICATIONS. William H. Harbaugh, "The Limits of Voluntarism: Farmers, County Agents, and the Conservation Movement," in John Milton Cooper, Jr., and Charles E. Neu (eds.), The Wilson Era: Essays in Honor of Arthur S. Link (Harlan Davidson, Inc., Arlington Heights, IL. 60004. 1991). pp. 123-158. paper, \$18.95; cloth, \$26.95. (708) 253-9720. The article shows how the American tradition of voluntarism has prevailed in this century's soil and forest conservation policy, which has generally emphasized voluntary, often paid, compliance with conservation goals rather than force farmers to conserve.

Dennis Roth, staff historian with the Agricultural & Rural History Section, ERS-USDA, is co-author of the chapter entitled, "The Wilderness Classification Process," in John C. Hendee, George H. Stankey, and Robert C. Lucas, (eds.), Wilderness Management, 2d edition, revised (North American Press, An Imprint of Fulcrum Publishing, 350 Indiana St., Golden, CO 80401. 1990). pp. 123-156. \$40. This 546-page book is

updated to present the most comprehensive and authoritative information available on wilderness management. It contains over 200 photographs, tables, and figures, a glossary, a fold-out map of the U.S. National Wilderness Preservation System and basic data on each area.

Populism: The Humane Preference in America, 1890-1900, by Gene Clanton. Twayne Publishers. (please order from: Macmillan Distribution Center, 100 Front St., Box 500, Riverside, NJ 08075-7500. 1991). 208 pp. \$24.95 cloth; \$11.95 paper). The author relates the rise of Populism to declining farm prices, the shift from an agrarian to an industrial based economy, and the controversy over gold and silver. He contends that the movement remains relevant today.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The possibility of providing vegetables year-round for Eastern cities, as was done 120 years ago by small local truck farms using hotbeds, ingenious heating systems, and other methods, is discussed by Ward Sinclair, "A Midwinter's Dream," in New Farm, January 1991, pp. 40-41. Copies are available for \$2.75 from: Rodale Institute, 222 Main St., Emmaus, PA 18098.

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AAEA ARCHIVES. The American Agricultural Economics Association and the National Agricultural Library have signed an agreement for the Library to serve as the archives for the Association. Records now in several locations will be brought together in the Library, where they will be available for research. The Library is also interested in receiving the papers of other agricultural economic organizations and of individual agricultural economists. Inquiries regarding the AAEA records or the possible deposit of other records should be addressed to: Dr. Alan Fusonie, Director of Special Collections, 14th Floor, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD 20705.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The Fall 1990 issue of Agricultural History contains articles by H. S. Klein on mules in central Brazil, 1825-1880; W. F. Holmes on interpretations of Populism; Jette Mackintosh on Danish immigrant agriculture in Audubon and Shelby Counties, Iowa; R. A. Sauer on agricultural colonization in Owens Valley, California, 1860-1925; and E. M. and S. H. Rogers on significant books in agricultural history published in 1988. Copies are available for \$6.25 from the University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

Martin Ridge discusses the significance of Frederick Jackson Turner's frontier thesis in the Winter 1991 issue of Montana: The Magazine of Western History. Copies are available for \$6.00 from: the Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts St., Helena, MT 59620.

James M. Glover suggests in "Romance, Recreation, and Wilderness: Influences on the Life and Work of Bob Marshall," Environmental History Review, 14:23-39, Winter 1990, that Marshall saw wilderness in terms of aesthetics, human use, and resource management. Copies of the journal are available for \$6.00 from: Environmental History Review, Center for Technology Studies, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ 07102.

PUBLICATIONS. Leedell W. Neyland traces the overall history of agriculture and home economics in the 1890 colleges and universities, with some attention to each of the institutions, in Historically Black Land-Grant Institutions and the Development of Agriculture and Home Economics, 1890-1990 (Florida A&M University Foundation, Tallahassee, FL 32307. 1990). 332 pp. The book was made possible by a grant from the Economic Research Service, USDA. For information on availability of copies, please write to the Foundation.

Cowboys in the Americas, by Richard W. Slatta (Yale University Press, New Haven, CT 06520. 1990). 306 pp. \$35.00. The author discusses the histories of ranch workers in the United States and five other nations in North and South America.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever: History of a Twentieth-Century Disease, by Victoria A. Harden (Johns Hopkins University Press, 701 West 40th St., Baltimore, MD 21211. 1990). 375 pp. \$39.50. It took more than 50 years of research to bring Rocky Mountain spotted fever, a disease first attacking farm and ranch people living in the northern Rocky Mountains, under control.

Jessee Chisholm: Ambassador of the Plains, by Stan Hoig (University Press of Colorado, P. O. Box 849, Niwot, CO 80544. 1991). 232 pp. \$28.00. Chisholm is best remembered for the famous cattle trail between Texas and Kansas which bears his name, but he played many roles in the frontier West.

The Texas State Historical Association has reprinted the 1914 volume entitled History of the Cattlemen of Texas (1991, 368 pp.), with an introduction by Harwood P. Hinton. It is available for \$39.95 from Texas A&M University Press, Drawer C, College Station, TX 77843-4354.

CANADIAN AGRICULTURE. Nova Scotia was the birthplace of Canadian agriculture. The first wheat grown and harvested in North America was

ground into flour in the first water powered mill near Annapolis Royal. The first ploughs and draft oxen were brought there in 1610. Today, the family farm, as we once knew it, is largely a thing of the past, and much of the land once cultivated has already returned to forest. The small family farm played an important part in the history of that province. Ross Farm Museum preserves a typical small family farm in Nova Scotia. It originated in 1816, when Captain William Ross, at the request of the Earl of Dalhousie, Governor of Nova Scotia, led 172 disbanded soldiers of the Nova Scotia Fencibles Regiment to this district to establish a settlement.

The main objective of the farm is to preserve a bit of the past by showing how early settlers and their descendants lived and coped with the land around them. Visitors may ride in a horsedrawn wagon, see, taste and smell good food being prepared in Rosebank Cottage, where you can expect to see chores, skills and crafts of everyday farm life in this restored 19th century home. The Ross Barn houses the farm animals, such as pigs, horses and oxen and a collection of historic farm machinery. At the Reception Center, you can watch demonstrations of churning butter, shoeing an ox, baking rhubarb pies in the farm kitchen's brick oven and other rural skills. The farm is open between May 15-October 15 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. daily and is operated as part of the Nova Scotia Museum Complex by the New Ross District Museum Society, Department of Education.

For further information, please write to: Ross Farm Museum, New Ross, Lunenburg Co., Nova Scotia BOJ 2MO, (902) 689-2210.

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM in Dover, Delaware is expanding its program to introduce children to farm life in rural Delaware in the late 19th century. Children who participate in "summer on the Farm" may feed farm animals, churn butter, pump water, carry kindling, bake in the woodstove, weed the garden and play games. The museum is located on 866 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901. For further information, please call: (302) 1734-1618.

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WILLIAM DERRICK BARNES, who had a long and distinguished involvement in history in West Virginia and was a longtime member of the Agricultural History Society, died on January 8, 1991. Born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania in 1917, he earned B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in history at West Virginia University. His publications included: The West Virginia State Grange: The First Century, 1863-1973. His Ph.D. dissertation was a comprehensive study of the Granger and Populist movements in West Virginia, 1873-1914. He appeared on several programs of the Organization of American Historians and the Agricultural History Society.

He was a member of the West Virginia University history department from 1940 until his retirement in 1985. Also, Dr. Barnes was a visiting professor at Pennsylvania University, Marshall University, and McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. (Contributed by John E. Stealey, III).

SYMPOSIUMS. The program and other material relating to the symposium on the History of Agriculture and the Environment, to be held in Washington, DC, on June 19-22, 1991, is now available. The broadly-based program includes papers by scholars from several nations. It culminates on the afternoon of June 22 with a boat tour of the Chesapeake Bay, under the leadership of an authority on what is needed to preserve the Bay. The symposium is being sponsored by the Agricultural History Society, the National Archives and Records Administration, the Soil Conservation Service, and the Wallace Genetics Foundation. Copies of the program have been sent to members of the Agricultural History Society and others interested. If you have not received one, Douglas Helms, P. O. Box 2890, Soil Conservation Service, Washington, DC 20013-2890, will be glad to send one to you.

Human Development and Family Studies at Cornell University is sponsoring "More than Glorified Housekeeping: Rethinking Women and Home Economics in the 20th Century." The conference will be held at Cornell University on October 4-5, 1991. For information, please

contact: Joan Jacobs Brumberg, Human Development and Family Studies, G95 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. (607) 255-7620.

The Community History Project of Shenandoah University and the Virginia Historical Society are sponsoring "Re-examining America's Frontier Heritage: The Eighteenth Century Backcountry" to review recent work on the formation of new societies on the American frontier. The conference will be October 10-13, 1991, at Shenandoah University. For information, please contact: Warren R. Hofstra, Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA 22601. (703) 665-4564.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The April 1991 issue of Journal of the West is devoted to agricultural technology in the twentieth century. The aim of the author, R. Douglas Hurt, was to synthesize and provide an overview of major technological developments in agriculture during the twentieth century. The six chapters are devoted to the tractor, cotton pickers and strippers, combine harvesters, irrigation in the West, mechanization of the sugar beet harvest, and tomato harvesters. Numerous illustrations and a list of suggested readings add to the value of the work. Copies are available at \$10 each from: Journal of the West, 1531 Yuma, Box 1009, Manhattan, KS 66502-4228.

The Spring 1991 issue of Kansas History includes an article by Sara J. Keckelsen, "Cottonwood Ranch: John Fenton Pratt and the English Ranching Experience in Sheridan County, Kansas," traces the ranching experiences of an Englishman who settled in Kansas in 1878. The journal also contains "Pioneer Experiences: The Memoir of Wilmot Benjamin Hull," edited by Jeffery Young. Hull recounts his experiences as a homesteader. Copies of the issue are available for \$6 from: Kansas History, 120 W. Tenth St., Topeka, KS 66612.

SEMINARS ON AMERICAN CULTURE, 1991. The New York State Historical Association is

sponsoring two series of seminars emphasizing rural life and agriculture on July 7-10 and July 10-13, at Cooperstown, New York, the site of the Farmers' Museum and Village Crossroads. The seminars will include a conference on agricultural history, bookfarming, domestic economy, and scientific innovation, 1850-1900; material culture; graveyard preservation; and other subjects, as well as craft workshops on blacksmithing, stone walls, crewel work, and other crafts. For further information, please write to: Seminars on American Culture, New York State Historical Association, P. O. Box 800, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

ALHFAM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS. The Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM) is seeking a sponsoring institution to edit and publish the Living Historical Farms Bulletin, which is ALHFAM's bimonthly magazine. ALHFAM is an international service organization interested in living historical farms, agricultural museums and outdoor museums, with programmatic interests in history, folklife, agriculture, rural life, and the methods of interpreting these to the public. The sponsor should be prepared to provide institutional support and an editor for the Bulletin. Copies of the request-for-proposal materials may be obtained from: David A. Donath, Director Billings Farm & Museum, P. O. Box 489, Woodstock, VT 05091. (802) 457-2355. (To be considered, potential sponsors must make initial application by June 7, 1991).

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES. The Office of the National Archives will publish a quarterly "Researcher Bulletin" to inform the public of developments relating to the move of records to the new Archives II facility in College Park, Maryland. The bulletin will include information about the division of record groups between the downtown Washington Building and Archives II, regionalization of records, and other news for researchers planning to work in the records of the National Archives. For free copies, please contact the Textual Reference Division (NNR), National Archives, Washington, DC 20408. The new building will house all nontextual records, including architectural drawings, maps, motion pictures, electronic records, and still pictures, as well as most modern military and civilian agency textual records, including those of the State Department. The National Archives in Washington, DC, will continue to serve as the center for research relating to naval history; other military history prior to World War I; legislative

and judicial history; and genealogy. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 1993.

PUBLICATIONS. Locating pictures taken by USDA photographers and transferred to the National Archives becomes easier with the publication of Guide to the Holdings of the Still Picture Branch of the National Archives, compiled by Barbara Lewis Burger (National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, DC 20408). 166 pp. \$25. The Guide is arranged by federal records groups, is illustrated, and appears to be very usable.

Piedmont Farmer: The Journal of David Golightly Harris, 1855-1870, edited by Philip N. Racine (University of Tennessee Press, Knoxville, TN. 1990). 597 pp. \$49.95. Harris was a small slaveholder of the South Carolina piedmont who began keeping a journal in order to pass on useful agricultural information to his sons.

Steamboats and the Cotton Economy: River Trade in the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta, by Harry P. Owens (University Press of Mississippi, Jackson, MS. 1990). 255 pp. \$30. The author points out the importance of steamboating to cotton growers in the Mississippi-Yazoo delta from the 1820's to the 1920's.

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SUMMER AND LIVING HISTORY. Many living history farms offer special summer programs. Local newspapers often list such programs, while some national magazines, particularly those devoted to travel, will discuss them. For example, USAir Magazine contains an article entitled "Traveling Through Time: America's Living-History Museums," in its May 1991 issue, briefly describing seven such farms. Copies are available from: USAir Magazine, 1301 Carolina St., Greensboro, NC 27401 at \$5.00 each.

The Museum of American Frontier Culture, Staunton, Virginia, has added a German farmhouse to its farmstead exhibit. It earlier had the Scotch-Irish (Ulster) farm, an English farm, and an American farm. The museum has a number of special events during the summer, including Summer Harvest and a special children's program. For information, please write: The Museum of American Frontier Culture, P. O. Box 810, Staunton, VA 24401. (703) 332-7850.

The Mississippi Agricultural Museum will host a contest on July 4 to determine "the prettiest rooster," "the ugliest dog," and "the fattest cat" at its Old Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration. Other events are also scheduled during the summer. Information is available by writing: The Museum, P. O. Box 1609, Jackson, MS 39215-1609. (601) 354-7094.

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run, McLean, Virginia, is hosting a number of special events during the summer. For information, please call: (703) 442-7557.

The Landis Valley Museum, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has scheduled a number of events for the summer. For information, please write: Landis Valley Museum, 2451 Kissel Hill Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601. (717) 569-0401.

The National Colonial Farm, Accokeek, Maryland, will be carrying on the activities of a mid-eighteenth century small tobacco plantation during the summer. For information, please write: The Farm, 3400 Bryan Point Rd., Accokeek, MD

20607. (301) 283-2113.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY AWARD. The National History Day Award in Agricultural History for 1991 was given to Stephanie Springman, Big Piney, Wyoming, for her essay "Documentation of the Grazing Rights on Federal Land." The award, made by the Agricultural History Society, was presented on June 13, 1991, at National History Day at the University of Maryland, College Park.

PUBLICATIONS. Harold F. Breimyer, in his memoir entitled Over-Fulfilled Expectations: A Life and an Era in Rural America (Iowa State University Press, 2121 S. State Ave., Ames, IA 50010. 1991. 316 pp., \$34.95), discusses growing up on an Ohio farm, working for the New Deal farm programs from their beginnings and serving as an agricultural economist concerned with farm policies in the Department of Agriculture until 1966. He then joined the agricultural economics faculty at the University of Missouri, where he taught until his retirement in 1984. He pictures both the changes that have taken place in American agriculture and the roles of the Federal government and the land-grant universities.

The Beginning of the National Forest System, by Harold K. Steen (U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Washington, DC 20250. 37 pp.). The narrative focuses on the first decade, when the National Forest System began and was defined. No charge.

A Forest Journey: The Role of Wood in the Development of Civilization, by John Perlin (Harvard University Press, 79 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138. 1991. 448 pp. \$14.95 paper). Perlin discusses how the need for new sources of wood has been an important cause of large population movements throughout history.

CURRENT JOURNALS. Deborah Fitzgerald, in "Beyond Tractors: The History of Technology in American Agriculture," Technology and Culture, January 1991, reviews the published research in the history of technology in American agriculture and

makes suggestions regarding the direction of future research. Copies of the issue are available from: University of Chicago Press, P. O. Box 37005, Chicago, IL 60637 for \$7.00.

Glenda Riley gives particular attention to writings about Western farm women in "Western Women's History--A Look at Some of the Issues," Montana, Spring 1991. Copies are available from: Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts St., Helena, MT 59620 for \$6.50.

Growing corn 80 years ago is the subject of Wheeler McMillan, "The Ancient Technology of Farming: Ohio, 1910," American Heritage of Invention and Technology, Spring/Summer 1991. Copies at \$4.00 each may be ordered from: American Heritage of Invention and Technology, Forbes Building, 60 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.

Harold F. Breimyer, in "Scientific Principle and Practice in Agricultural Economics: An Historical Review," American Journal of Agricultural Economics, May 1991, reviews previous writings on the subject and concludes: "A consensus judgment may be that employment of mathematical statistics does not substitute for rigorous theoretical formulations in agricultural economics." Copies of the issue are available for \$14.50 from: AAEE Business Office, 80 Heady Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-1070.

Sherry L. Smith, "Single Women Homesteaders: The Perplexing Case of Elinore Pruitt Stewart," Western Historical Quarterly, May 1991, discusses Stewart's motives for homesteading and the accuracy of her Letters, the basis for a recent film, "Heartland." Copies are available at \$5.50 each from: Western Historical Quarterly, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-0740.

Environmental History Review, Spring 1991, contains the following articles: "Environmental Politics in the American South: The Fight Over the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway," by Jeffrey Stine; "Strickeen and the Moral Education of John Muir," by Ronald Limbaugh; "Siberian Writers and the Struggle to Save Lake Baikal," by Thomas Rainey; and "One Hundred Years of Citizen Involvement with the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board," by Christine Thomas. Copies are available for \$7.00 from: Environmental History Review, Center for Technology Studies, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ 07102.

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LIVESTOCK BREEDING AS A FINE ART.

The American Minor Breeds Conservancy announces the opening of an exhibit entitled, "The Art of American Livestock Breeding." The exhibit includes 50 oil paintings by Cooper, Gill, Watson, Seavey Lucas, Wyeth, and others spanning more than a century of livestock portraiture. Included are paintings of cattle, horses, sheep, swine and poultry. Paintings have been loaned for the exhibit from a variety of collectors in the United States and England.

The exhibit opens September 13, 1991, at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, MD which is located at the intersection of U.S. Route 1 and Interstate Route 95 (Beltway Exit 25A-North), 15 miles northeast of Washington, DC. The exhibit shows the cultural and historical importance of traditional breeds of livestock. Further information, please contact: American Minor Breeds Conservancy, P. O. Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312. (919) 542-5704.

BARN AGAIN! FARM HERITAGE AWARDS.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Successful Farming magazine are accepting nominations for 1992 BARN AGAIN! Farm Heritage. Awards will be presented in two categories: 1) Preservation of an historic farm or ranch; and 2) Preserving and practical use of an older barn or other farm building. Nominations for 1992 awards will be accepted no later than September 1, 1991. For further information about the BARN AGAIN! program, please contact: Mary Humstone, Project Director, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 511 - 16th St., Suite 700, Denver, CO 80202. (303) 623-1504.

MUSEUM HOSTS J. I. CASE EXHIBIT. The Delaware Agricultural Museum in Dover will host an exhibit from August 1, 1991 through November 30, 1991 which commemorates the 150th anniversary of the founding of the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company. Featured in the exhibit are antique and modern examples of tractors, miniature tractors, Case memorabilia, literature, and photographs which document the history of the company and its founder, Jerome

Increase Case. Case was one of the earliest companies to use steam power for the purpose of farming. Over 35,800 steam traction engines were

produced between 1869 and 1927 by the company. Since the actual anniversary of the Company occurs in 1992, the museum's exhibit is the first of many commemorative exhibits that will be held throughout the nation. The Delaware Agricultural Museum is located at 866 North Dupont Highway on Route 13, just south of Delaware State College. For further information, please contact: Mary Kopco. (302) 734-1618.

LIVING HISTORY PROGRAMS. Historic Sully Plantation in Fairfax, Virginia, is offering programs on gardens and agriculture each Monday and on open hearth cooking each Sunday and Thursday in August. For additional information, please contact: Fairfax County Park Authority, 3701 Pender Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030-6067 or call Sully Plantation. (703) 437-1794.

MEETINGS. The Newberry Library in Chicago will hold a seminar on September 28, 1991 to discuss historical papers by D. R. Reynolds on rural school consolidation and Frank Yoder on ninety years of tenancy in an Iowa farm community. For further information, please write to: Family and Community History Center, Newberry Library, 60 W. Walton St., Chicago, IL 60610.

Agricultural Studies Section, Western Social Sciences Association's 34th annual meeting will be held April 22-25, 1992 in Denver, Colorado. Proposals for papers in rural studies, rural issues, and agricultural history will be accepted no later than November 1, 1991. Please contact: Joseph C. Fitzharris, Department of History, Mail #4018, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105. (612) 647-5667.

The 35th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, March 12-14, 1992. Proposals for papers and sessions in all areas of history including agricultural history, are welcome. Please send

proposals, accompanied with one-page abstracts and vitae, by November 1, 1991 to: William C. Pratt, MVHC Coordinator, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE 68182.

PUBLICATIONS. Farmers, Cooperatives, and USDA: A History of Agricultural Cooperative Service, by Wayne D. Rasmussen (Agricultural Cooperative Service, P. O. Box 96576, Washington, DC 20090-6576. 1991). 292 pp. \$15.95 hard cover; \$12.95 paper. The author traces the relationships between farmer cooperatives and the Federal government, particularly the Agricultural Cooperative Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, from 1926 to 1991 and discusses the legislative background of the programs.

Trees, Why Do You Wait? America's Changing Rural Culture, by Richard Critchfield (Island Press, 1718 Connecticut Ave., N. W., Washington, DC 20009. 1991). 270 pp. \$29.95. The author draws upon history, economics, and sociology, as well as on work in rural communities, in developing his thesis that "A society can work only as long as a large minority of its people live on and farm the land."

Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West, by William Cronon (W. W. Norton & Co., Inc., 500 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10110. 1991). 530 pp. \$27.50. Cronon traces the inescapable connection between the land and its resources and the social and economic needs of cities as exemplified by Chicago and the agricultural West.

Public Lands, Public Heritage: The National Forest Idea, by Alfred Runte (Roberts Rinehart Publishers, P. O. Box 666, Niwot, CO 80544. 1991). 89 p., illus. \$16.95. The national forests--as both a system and an idea--are a century old. This volume seeks to interpret the significance of the national forests.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The Spring 1991 issue of Agricultural History, edited by Barbara Cotton, is devoted to papers presented at a symposium on "The 1890 Land-Grant Colleges: A Centennial View." They are: R. G. Seals, "The Formation of Agricultural and Rural Development Policy in the United States with Emphasis on African-Americans;" Douglas Helms, "Eroding the Color Line: The Soil Conservation Service and the Civil Rights Act of 1964;" J. R. Wennersten, "The Travail of the Black Land-Grant Schools in the South, 1890-1917;" R. L. Jenkins, "The Black Land-Grant Colleges in Their Formative Years, 1890-1920;" L. A. Craig, "Constraining Resource

Allocation and the Investment in Education of Black Americans: The 1890 Land-Grant Colleges;" B. D. Mayberry, "The Tuskegee Movable School: A Unique Contribution;" Allen Jones, "Improving Rural Life for Blacks: The Tuskegee Negro Farmers' Conference, 1892-1915;" C. F. Williams, "Frustration Amidst Hope: The Land-Grant Mission of Arkansas AM&N College, 1873-1972;" A. F. Holland, "Education Over Politics: Nathan B. Young at Florida A&M College, 1901-1923;" and W. C. Hine, "South Carolina State College: A Legacy of Education and Public Service." Copies are available for \$6.50 from: Journals Department, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

Kenneth H. Parsons discusses "Henry Charles Taylor, 1873-1969: Organizer and First Head of USDA's BAE," in the Second Quarter 1991 issue of Choices. He points out that the Bureau of Agricultural Economics quickly became one of the most influential agencies in the Department and was the largest economics agency in the Federal government. Copies are available for \$4.00 from: AAEE Business Office, Iowa State University, 80 Heady Hall, Ames, IA 50011-1070.

The June 1991 issue of the Journal of Economic History includes articles by D. N. McCloskey, "The Prudent Peasant: New Findings on Open Fields," in which the author argues that the scattering of farm plots in open fields was to avoid risk; Nancy Verts, "The Efficiency of Southern Tenant Plantations, 1900-1945," making the point that the continued importance of tenant plantations was because of advantages to large-scale agriculture; and Elizabeth Hoffman and G. D. Libecap, "Institutional Choice and the Development of U.S. Agricultural Policies in the 1920s," suggesting that policies adopted in the 1920s were influenced by crop-specific characteristics and broader market conditions affecting the success of private cooperatives. Copies are available for \$10.00 from: Cambridge University Press, 40 West 20th St., New York, NY 10011-4211.

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ERS ANNIVERSARY. The major papers presented at the symposium held April 4, 1991, in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Economic Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, have been published as Economics and Public Service: Proceedings of the 30th Anniversary ERS Conference (Economic Research Service. 1991. 170 pp. \$14.00 from: ERS-NASS, P. O. Box 1608, Rockville, MD 20849-1608). The session on the history of BAE/ERS included comments by Walter W. Wilcox and two papers, "The Profession and the Public: Agricultural Economics and Public Service, 1920's and 1930's," by Joel Kunze; and "The Economic Research Service: Thirty Years of Research and Service," by Wayne Rasmussen. A number of other papers, notably "Economic Research Service: Guide to the Future," by Orville L. Freeman, presented historical background material.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY. The Virginia Tech Agricultural Education Area announces the Henry C. Groseclose Fellowship recognizing one of the co-founders of the FFA. The Fellowship recipient will receive \$2,000 and work one month with the National FFA Archives and Library in Alexandria, Virginia. For further information, please contact: John Hillison, 223 Lane Hall, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0254 or call (703) 231-8187.

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY PAPERS. You are invited to submit proposals for papers or sessions for the seventeenth annual meeting, April 23, 24, and 25, 1992 in Seattle, Washington. Please send a two-page abstract of your paper to the address below. For session proposals, please send abstracts for each paper. Also, include your position, affiliation, and complete address and telephone number. Please let them know if you are willing to serve as a session chair or commentator.

Papers accepted for presentation may at the option of the author(s) be submitted for consideration for publication in the Society's journal, Essays in Economic and Business History, Edwin Perkins,

Editor. Papers published in the journal will be eligible for the Charles J. Kennedy Award of Excellence. For further information, please contact: Professor David O. Whitten, President, EBHS 1992, Department of Economics, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849-5242, (205) 844-2928. FAX (205) 844-4016.

AGRICULTURAL HISTORY PAPERS. The Executive Committee of the Agricultural History Society has asked Doug Hurt to serve as session coordinator to help increase the visibility of the Society by organizing and proposing sessions for the annual meetings of the various professional organizations. He will help solicit papers, chairs and commentators for anyone who would like to coordinate their plans to read papers under the aegis of the Agricultural History Society. Currently, he is organizing sessions for 1992 and 1993. Doug welcomes all suggestions and requests the help of both members and non-members of the Society. For further information, please write to: Doug Hurt, Department of History, 603 Ross Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011. (515) 294-7266 or 294-5620. BITNET address: S1.RDH@ISUMVS.

NEW LIVING HISTORY FARM. The Horne Creek Living History Farm opened to the public on a full-time basis on July 28, 1991. It is located 25 miles northwest of Winston-Salem, North Carolina off the Pinnacle Exit of U. S. Route 52. It includes a farm house, outdoor museum, and seasonal work on the farm as of 1900-1910. For further information, please call: (919) 325-2298.

CURRENT JOURNALS. Carl Hoffman reviews the history and present status of the farm tractor in a popularly written article, "At Work or Play, A Tractor's Life is One Big Drag," Smithsonian, August 1991. Copies of the journal are available for \$3.00 from: The Smithsonian Associates, 900 Jefferson Dr., Washington, DC 20560.

Sherry L. Smith reviews the experiences of homesteader Elinore Pruitt Stewart, whose letters

were published in 1982, in the Western Historical Quarterly, May 1991. Smith concludes that Stewart's letters are part fact and part fiction. Copies of the issue are \$6.50 from: Western Historical Quarterly, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-0740.

The little-known history of "The Women's Land Army During World War II," is traced by Caron Smith in Kansas History, Summer 1991. Much of the discussion is based upon experiences in Kansas. The issue is available for \$6.00 from: Kansas Historical Society, 120 West Tenth St., Topeka, KS 66612-1291.

The Summer 1991 issue of History Line, a history and cultural resources newsletter published by the Forest Service, includes short articles on rural development, and environmental history, renovation of a historic forest ranger cabin, and historic preservation on the Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge. For copies, please contact: Terry West, Historian, Forest Service, Washington, DC 20250.

AGRICULTURAL HISTORY IN ROMANIA.

The Agrarian History and Retrology Society of Romania, in existence a number of years, made plans at its annual meeting in June 1991 to organize a modern library on agrarian history and is seeking donations of books in this field. The Society defines "retrology" as "the discipline which is studying the accumulated experience concerning an actual or a future matter." The Society elected Wayne D. Rasmussen and John T. Schlebecker as honorary members. Donations of books or requests should be addressed to: Dr. Eugen C. Mewes, P. O. Box 1-619, Bucharest, Romania.

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CENTURY OF LIVESTOCK PAINTINGS. Fifty paintings of livestock produced over the last 100 years and assembled by the American Minor Breeds Conservancy, will be on exhibit at the National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD, from September 13, 1991, through November 1, 1991. The exhibit will be at the Washington County Museum of Art, Hagerstown, MD, November 15-December 30, 1991; Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, February 1-March 30, 1992; and the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA, April 15-August 15, 1992. For further information, please contact: American Minor Breeds Conservancy, P. O. Box 477, Pittsboro, NC 27312. (919) 542-5704.

FALL FESTIVAL. The National Colonial Farm, Accokeek, Maryland, will hold its fall festival, including tours of the colonial farm and the chestnut grove, on Saturday afternoon, October 26, 1991. For information, please call: (301) 283-2113.

H. L. BOLLEY PAPERS. The papers of Henry Luke Bolley, botanist and plant pathologist at North Dakota State University for 55 years, have been donated to the NDSU library. The papers contain correspondence during Bolley's tenure as the first botanist, plant pathologist and biologist at NDAC, and the first North Dakota State Seed Commissioner. The papers also contain personal correspondence, articles, speeches, notebooks and notecards relating to a wide variety of subjects. The collection is arranged alphabetically and chronologically. For further information, on the Bolley papers, please contact: North Dakota State University Library Archives, Fargo, ND 58105-5753. (701) 237-8325.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The Summer 1991 issue of Montana: The Magazine of Western History contains the following articles relating to agricultural history: Clyde A. Milner II, "The View from Wisdom," discusses how four Montana farmers and ranchers regarded the West; Gordon Morris Bakken, "Was There Arsenic in the Air? Anaconda versus the Farmers of the Deer Lodge Valley," points out how one large corporation used

legal tactics to control the environment in the face of farmer opposition; and Donna M. Lucy reflects on the work of a pioneer ranch woman turned photographer. Copies are available for \$6.50 from: Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts St., Helena, MT 59620.

Gilbert C. Gonzalez discusses "Labor and Community: The Camps of Mexican Citrus Pickers in Southern California," during the period from 1900 to 1940 in the August 1991 issue of the Western Historical Quarterly. Henry C. Klassen discusses the cattle ranching and other business activities of A. E. Cross in "Entrepreneurship in the Canadian West: The Enterprises of A. E. Cross, 1886-1920," in the same journal. Copies are available at \$5.50 each from: Western Historical Quarterly, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-0740.

The spread of consumer goods in pioneer rural America is discussed by Elizabeth A. Perkins, "The Consumer Frontier: Household Consumption in Early Kentucky," and David Jaffee, "Peddlers of Progress and Transformation of the Rural North, 1760-1860," in the September 1991 issue of the Journal of American History. The article by Perkins contains some statistical material on prices and types of goods owned. Copies of the journal are available for \$10 from: Organization of American Historians, 112 North Bryan St., Bloomington, IN 47408.

CALLS FOR PAPERS. The Agricultural History Society will co-sponsor a symposium on "American Rural and Farm Women in Historical Perspective" at the University of California, Davis, June 26-28, 1992. The program committee welcomes proposals for papers on family/kinship, land tenure, environmental problems, life-cycle, work, technology, public policy, material culture, oral history, health, child care and community life. The program committee is particularly interested in interdisciplinary, multi-cultural approaches. Please send a one-page proposal by December 1, 1991 to: Joan Jensen, Department of History, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88003.

The Agricultural History Society will co-sponsor a symposium to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the cotton gin. The symposium will be held at Auburn University, May 5-7, 1993. The program will include papers in history, economics, technology, textile engineering, agricultural economics, women's studies and other topics relating to the cotton gin. Two-page proposals and a vita should be sent to: David P. Whitten, Department of Economics, Auburn University, AL 36849.

The Western Social Science Association will meet in Denver, Colorado, April 22-25, 1992. The Agricultural Studies Section seeks proposals for papers in rural studies and agricultural history. Please send your proposal by November 1, 1991 to: Joseph C. Fitzharris, Department of History, Mail #4018, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105.

THE NEWBERRY LIBRARY. The Newberry Seminar in Rural History examines work-in-progress in an atmosphere of amiable and animated conversation. This informal group of 15-20 scholars with similar interests is able to consider presentations in depth, without the limitations imposed by a speaker-audience format. Participants include predoctoral and postdoctoral scholars. All papers are distributed in advance. The seminar meets three Saturdays each year from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. The schedule includes a morning session, lunch, and an afternoon session. A registration fee of \$11.00 covers the cost of the seminar as well as lunch.

The Newberry Seminar in Rural History is co-sponsored by the University of Chicago, the University of Iowa and Iowa State University.

September 28, 1991--Frank Yoder, (Hist. Dept., Univ. of Chicago), "Rethinking Midwestern Farm Tenure: Cultural Perspective."

David R. Reynolds, (Geography Dept., Univ. of Iowa), "The Resisted Revolution: Rural School District Consolidation and the Industrialization of Social Relations in the Iowa Countryside, 1895-1925."

January 25, 1992 (with February 1, 1992 as an alternate date in case of bad weather)--Mary Eschelbach-Gregson, (Economics Dept., Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), "Strategic Response to Commercialization: Missouri Farmers' Reactions to Widening Markets, 1850-1880."

Steve Reschly, (Hist. Dept., Univ. of Iowa), "'Our People Should All Keep Themselves Apart': An Amish Community in Iowa During the Civil War Era."

April 25, 1992--Michael Smuksta, (Hist. Dept., Viterbo College), "'The Farmer Takes a Wife': Gender Relations in Illinois Farm Households, 1820-1915."

Kevin Neuberger, (Hist. Dept., Univ. of Iowa), "Intergenerational Property Transfer, Production Patterns, and the Family in Three Rural Immigrant Communities in Wisconsin, 1860-1915."

Cindy Hahamovitch, (Hist. Dept., York Univ.), "In the Valley of the Giant: The State and Farm Labor on the East Coast, 1930-1945."

Speakers are invited to revise their essays for publication in the occasional paper series, "The Newberry Papers in Family and Community History." For a list of available titles and further information, please call: The Dr. William M. Scholl Center for Family and Community History. (312) 943-9090, Ext. 273.

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VOLUNTEERS TRACE ANASAZI INDIAN RECORD. When Dr. Margaret Lyneis, professor of Anthropology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), first heard about residential development plans for the nearby Moapa Valley she despaired of saving evidence of the area's prehistoric occupation by Anasazi farmers. She gained time for site excavation from a cooperative landowner and funds for equipment from UNLV. The UNLV Continuing Education Division found local citizens who volunteered to register for excavation techniques training.

These practical archeology field classes began in 1989 and are now in their third season with students trained in early classes coming back as supervisors of new volunteers and a waiting list of prospective student/excavators. Most volunteers--men and women from many occupations and age groups--have stuck with their classes despite heat, ants, and scorpions and the small chances of finding any big artifacts. Moapa sites have been the targets of pot hunters for years. The volunteers are pleased to know they are uncovering information that will tell them about the people who were growing corn, beans, squash, and cotton in this valley hundreds of years ago. (Source: "Crash Course in Nitty-Gritty Archaeology," in Las Vegas Review-Journal/Sun, Sunday, December 9, 1990).

CALL FOR SESSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS.

The Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM) will hold its annual meeting and Conference June 13-18, 1992 at Old Salem and Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Perceptions of the past change constantly to suit the needs of the present. The 1992 conference, "Seeds of Time: Cultivating New Visions of the Past," will explore how ongoing research and visitors' own agendas influence museum programs. ALHFAM seeks proposals for presentations and full sessions that focus attention on the changes in the presentation and audiences of history, particularly as they relate to living history sites and agricultural museums. Proposals should include a one-page summary of

each presentation and a resume for each presenter. Presenters will be expected to submit their presentations in written form prior to the annual meeting. All speakers will be expected to register either for the full meeting or for the day on which they speak. Generally, ALHFAM does not pay travel costs or honoraria for panel or workshop speakers. Deadline for proposals: November 15, 1991. Please forward submissions to: Cinder Stanton, Program Coordinator, Monticello, P. O. Box 316, Charlottesville, VA 22902. (804) 295-1832, FAX (804) 977-7757.

THE DELAWARE AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM. The Delaware Agricultural Museum's Fall schedule includes three different art exhibitions on rural themes. "Down on the Farm: A Very Special Arts Exhibit" will be on display at the museum from October 1-21, 1991. It will feature farm-related scenes in a variety of media including ink, seeds, leaves, watercolor, and pencil.

A "Jack Lewis Retrospective" will be exhibited at the museum from October 23 - November 18, 1991. Jack Lewis is an internationally recognized Delaware artist. The watercolor paintings at the museum will feature many of the artist's rural landscapes. The exhibit is offered in conjunction with the Raubacher Gallery and Raubacher Nature Collection where paintings by Jack Lewis will also be displayed.

H. Earl Abbott, Jr. will exhibit a new series of paintings "Delaware Farm Landscapes" at the museum from November 20 - December 31, 1991. The farms depicted in the oil paintings are a combination of actual landscapes and seasonal atmospheres. "Delaware Farm Landscapes" is a sequel to Mr. Abbott's 1989 museum exhibit, "Romantic Landscapes: Paintings of Kent County Farms."

The Delaware Agricultural Museum is located just south of Delaware State College on Route 13 in Dover. For further information, please call the museum. (302) 734-1618.

LIVING HISTORY. For years people have believed with varying degrees that the colonists did not grow or eat tomatoes (*Lycopersicon esculentum*), which they "believed to be poisonous." Clarissa Dillon's article, entitled "Tomato Mania" in Living History, Volume I, No. 2 (Summer 1991) explodes that myth.

Peter Sinclair's article, "Holding the Line on Dutch Barns: One in New York Operates as a Living History Demonstration," in Living History, Volume I, No. 2 (Summer 1991) discusses how Dutch barns are rapidly disappearing because of fires, abandonment and deterioration, the sale and removal of historic barns for the construction of contemporary buildings and the outright demolition of barns due to obsolescence or new development. He also states that "if we do not study and document them before they are moved, converted or left to rot, we will lose the opportunity we have to gain a better historic perspective on the Dutch barn and the way of life it represents." For copies of the Living History quarterly, please write: P. O. Box 202, West Hurley, NY 12491. (914) 338-0257. In addition, The Reporter is a quarterly journal of the Dutch Barn Preservation Society. It and the DBPS Newsletter are available to members of the Society from: Dutch Barn Society, Box 176, Rensselaer, NY 12144.

ONTARIO'S COUNTY FAIRS. Cathy Pater, "Fairs are Survivors," in Earthkeeping Ontario, Vol. I, No. 3 (115 Woolwich St., Guelph, Ontario N1H3V1. September 1991), discusses how county fairs have survived two world wars and weathered a depression. Their success has depended largely on the willingness of agricultural societies to change with the times and to meet the needs of local communities. Fairs have become a tradition that embraces the heart of agriculture, embodying the hopes and visions of our pioneer fathers, not only for survival or for provision for their families, but for love of the land. Fairs, barn raising or church socials represented fellowship and fun for the early settler of Ontario. The hardships of clearing the land, living in isolation from neighbouring farms and surviving the first brutal winters created a need for companionship. Monthly fairs met the desire to share the love and sorrows of the land with fellow settlers. In 1792 John Graves Simcoe, governor of Upper Canada, hosted the first fair in Ontario at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Initially, fairs sold livestock twice a year. Later the event became a quarterly one, and, to the delight of everyone, evolved into a monthly festivity.

PUBLICATION. John Deere Tractors and Equipment, Volume Two, by Don Macmillan and Roy Harrington (American Society of Agricultural Engineers, 1990). 400 pp., illus. \$37.50. The book chronicles the development of John Deere tractors from 1960 to 1990. It takes the reader behind the scenes at the John Deere plants and answers questions where Volume One left off. Authors Don Macmillan and Roy Harrington detail the "modern" John Deere in an enjoyable and informative 400 pages. More than half the book is devoted to photographs, including some 350 in full color and many which have never before been published. ASAE, which publishes a wide range of literature to help improve agri-business and serves as a clearinghouse of related information, is located at 2950 Niles Road, St. Joseph, MI 49085-9659. For further information, please call: Suzanne Howard. (616) 429-0300.

CAN YOU HELP? Robert Snader, Freelance Writer/Photographer, is doing research on sponges which were used as oil filters for Navy ships during World War II. He states that "since most sponges of filter quality were imported from Japan, a substitute had to be found." Plant scientists at the U. S. Department of Agriculture discovered that loofah (dishrag) gourds made acceptable substitutes and began a program to learn the best ways of growing and processing the gourds in large quantities. Any assistance in finding further information on how the program developed would be appreciated, including photographs. Please write to: 14 North Oak Street, Ephrata, PA 17522. (717) 733-9327.

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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY. The Library recently received the Archives of the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA). Acting on behalf of the AAEA, Wayne D. Rasmussen, retired chief historian of the Agricultural & Rural History Section of the Economic Research Service, USDA, signed an agreement depositing the Association's archives in the National Agricultural Library. Joseph H. Howard, Director of the Library, accepted the archives. Alan Fusonie, Head, Special Collections, will have curatorial responsibility for the collection. The archives will be processed into the Library's collection and made accessible both physically and bibliographically. For additional information regarding the archives of the AAEA, please contact: Dr. Alan Fusonie, Head, Special Collections, 14th Floor, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. (301) 344-3876.

MEETINGS. The Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC) announces its 5th Annual Agricultural Symposium, November 19-22, 1991 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. "Cooperating for Modern-day Agriculture" is this year's theme. Indian farmers and ranchers will share ideas and concerns, to celebrate their rich agricultural heritage. An agricultural tour of the Five Civilized Tribes' lands and operations will highlight the Symposium's agenda. The Symposium will be held at the Westin Hotel, William's Center (1-800-228-3000). Registration fee for the Symposium is \$25 per person. For further information, please contact: Calvin Waln, Intertribal Agriculture Council. (406) 259-3525.

The program of the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, to be held in Chicago on December 27-30, 1991, includes a limited number of sessions relating to, but not directly on, agricultural and rural history. For information, please write to: American Historical Association, 400 A St., S. E., Washington, DC 20003.

PUBLICATIONS. Rice and Slaves: Ethnicity and the Slave Trade in Colonial South Carolina, by Daniel C. Littlefield (University of Illinois Press, P. O. Box 4856, Hampden Post Office, Baltimore, MD 21211. 1991). 216 pp. \$11.95 (paper). The author traces the impact of black culture on rice growing in South Carolina.

Plains Farmer: The Diary of William G. DeLoach, 1913-1964, edited by Janet M. Neugebauer (Texas A & M University Press, Drawer C, College Station, Texas 77843-4354. 1991). 392 pp. \$39.50. In his diary, William G. DeLoach, a West Texas farmer, chronicles the day-to-day process that changed America from a rural to an urban society.

A Special Kind of Doctor: A History of Veterinary Medicine in Texas, by Henry C. Dethloff and Donald H. Dyal (Texas A & M University Press, Drawer C, College Station, Texas 77843-4354. 1991). 240 pp. \$29.50. Working from the archives of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association and of Texas A & M University's College of Veterinary Medicine, the authors have recorded the history of the profession and its organizational arm in Texas.

The LH7 Ranch in the City's Shadow: From Longhorns to the Salt Grass Trail, by Deborah Lightfoot Sizemore (University of North Texas Press. Distributed by Texas A & M University Press, Drawer C, College Station, Texas 77843-4354. 1991). 249 pp. \$22.50. This account of Emil Henry Marks and his ranch tells something of the cattle business on the coastal prairies of Texas. Marks kept a herd of authentic Texas longhorns.

Gardening for Profit, by Peter Henderson (Reprinted by The American Botanist, P. O. Box 532, Chillicothe, IL 61523. 1991). 496 pp. hardcover, \$26.00. This book was reprinted to help speed the resurgence of market gardeners and small farmers through the United States, just as

this historic book revolutionized American agriculture when it was first published in 1867. Also included in the book is a detailed history of market gardening in America by Robert F. Becker, associate professor of horticulture at Cornell University. For further information, please contact: Keith Crotz. (309) 274-5254.

The History of California Agriculture: An Updated Bibliography, compiled by Mary Davis, Morton Rothstein, and Jean Stratford (Agricultural History Center, University of California, Davis, CA 95616. 1991). \$6.00.

Agricultural History: An Updated Title, Author, and Subject Index to the Journal, 1977-1990, compiled by Noel Spellman and Katharine Mochon (Agricultural History Center, University of California, Davis, CA 95616. 1991). \$6.00.

America's Renewable Resources: Historical Trends and Current Challenges, by Kenneth D. Frederick and Roger A. Sedjo, editors (Resources for the Future, 1616 P St., N. W., Washington, DC 20036-1400. 1991). 300 pp., \$34.95 cloth, \$19.95 paper. A record of the nation's experience with renewable resources--water, forests, rangeland, cropland and soils, and wildlife--which possess the capacity to restore themselves after they have been consumed.

HISTORIC LANDMARK. The American Society of Mechanical Engineers designated a 19th century agricultural and construction implement, the Fresno scraper, a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark in ceremonies at the California State Agricultural Museum, October 13, 1991, Fresno, California. The scraper was used in agriculture for canals, ditches, and land leveling.

RESEARCH GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. The American Philosophical Society, 104 South Fifth St., Philadelphia, PA 19106-3387 is offering a number of grants and fellowships for scholarly research in all areas of knowledge, including agricultural history. Prospective applicants should request forms from the Society, stating briefly what the project and proposed budget are.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The routine of daily life on a pioneer farm in Kansas is outlined in the diary of Elizabeth Marden for 1863, edited by James F. Hoy and published as "A Window on Flint Hills Folklife: Part I, The Diary of Elizabeth Mardin," in Kansas History, Autumn 1991. Copies of the issue are available for \$6.00 from: Kansas

State Historical Society, 120 West Tenth St., Topeka, KS 66612-1291.

The Summer 1991 issue of Agricultural History contains the following articles: "Whether Wast, Deodand, or Stray: Cattle, Culture, and the Environment in Early Georgia," by Mart Stewart; "New England Farmers and the Marketplace, 1780-1865: A Case Study," by Andrew H. Baker and Holly V. Izard; "Answering the Agrarian Question: Socialists, Farmers, and Algie Martin Simons," by Donald Marti; and "The Twelfth-Century Surveys of Holy Trinity, Caen: A Comparative Study of Peasant Conditions," by John Walmsley. Copies are available for \$6.25 from: University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94720.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS! We wish you happy holidays and thank you for your many contributions to this newsletter. We would like to remind you that we welcome items of interest that we can use in the newsletter.

HOLIDAY EVENTS. Many Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums are scheduling special events for the holidays. For example, the Jourdan-Bachman Pioneer Farm in Austin, Texas, is scheduling Yule baking on December 22 and open hearth cooking on December 29. For information, please call: (512) 837-1215.

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm, Turkey Run, McLean, Virginia, is holding an 18th Wassail on December 15. The Colvin Run Mill Historic Site, Great Falls, Virginia, is featuring a country Christmas on December 16 and 17. For information, please call: (703) 759-5241. You may also call the Living Historical Farm near you for its holiday program.

AAAS MEETINGS. The American Association for the Advancement of Science is holding its annual meetings in Chicago, Illinois on February 6-11, 1992. Two groups of symposia and lectures, one on "Native American Origins" and the other on "Fantastic Voyages: From Columbus to the Cosmos," are of importance to agricultural historians. For information, please write to: American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1333 H St., N. W., Room 805, Washington, DC 20005.

SUMMER INTERNSHIP. The Homeplace-1850 has two summer intern positions available for interpreters. The Homeplace is a living history farm depicting life in western Kentucky and Tennessee in the mid-19th century, located at Land Between the Lakes and operated by the Tennessee Valley Authority. The internship offers \$100/week stipend plus housing. Application deadline is January 17, 1992. Applicants must be enrolled in school. For more information, please contact: Jim Carpenter, TVA-LBL, 100 Van Morgan Dr., Golden Pond, KY 42211-9001. (502) 924-5602.

CALL FOR PAPERS. The Economic History Association invites proposals for sessions and papers for its annual meeting, which will be held in Boston, Massachusetts on September 18-20, 1992. The theme is "The Consumer in Economic History." Please send three copies of one-page abstracts of papers and proposed sessions to Joel Mokyr, Department of Economics, Northwestern University, 2003 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60208.

CURRENT JOURNALS. The November-December 1991 issue of AMBC News contains two short articles on the history of mules. Ken Brown and Carolyn Christman present "Mules in America: A Short History," and Del Bächert authors "Thirty-Three Inches From Tip to Tip: American Mammoth Jack Stock." Copies are available for \$2.00 from: The American Minor Breeds Conservancy, Box 447, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

PUBLICATIONS. Tinged with Gold: Hop Culture in the United States, by Michael A. Tomlan (University of Georgia Press, Terrell Hall, Athens, GA 30602. 1992). 272 pp. \$35.00. A history covering all aspects of hop culture in America, the author suggests that hop cultivation, even in the eighteenth century, was in response to commercial imperatives.

Cowboying: A Tough Job in a Hard Land, by James H. Beckstead (University of Utah Press, 101 University Services Bldg., Salt Lake City, UT 84112. 1991). 300 pp. \$45.00 cloth, \$19.95 paper. This comprehensive history of cowboying, illustrated with 250 rare photographs, touches on many details of life on the Western range.

Eight Decades of Rural Sociology at Ohio State, by William L. Flinn. This 63-page pamphlet contains a short history of the ups and downs of the rural sociology program at Ohio State and compilations of data and biographical information relating to the program. For information or copies, please write to: William L. Flinn, Department of Rural Sociology, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210.

North American Horticulture: A Reference Guide, by the American Horticultural Society (Macmillan Publishing Co., Front and Brown Sts., Riverside, NJ 08075-1197. 2d edition. 1991). 368 pp., \$75.00. This guide includes a comprehensive directory to organizations concerned with horticulture and a section on historical horticulture.

America's Renewable Resources: Historical Trends and Current Challenges, by Resources for the Future (Resources for the Future, P.O. Box 4852, Hampden Station, Baltimore, MD 21211. 1991). 296 pp. \$37.95 cloth, \$22.95 paper. Six analysts describe this country's use and management of renewable resources from the colonial era to the present to assess their future adequacy.

Women in Agriculture: January 1979-July 1991, by Jane Potter Gates (Alternative Farming Systems Information Center, Quick Bibliography Series: No. QB 91-150, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. 1991). 42 pp. This bibliography is intended primarily for current awareness, and is not an indepth exhaustive bibliography on the given subject. However, the citations are a substantial resource for recent investigations on a given topic. They also serve the purpose of bringing the literature of agriculture to the interested user who, in many cases, could not access it by any other means. The bibliography is derived from computerized on-line searches of the AGRICOLA data base. Timeliness of topic and evidence of extensive interest is the selection criteria. To request a copy, please send the title, series number and self-addressed gummed label to: U. S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Library, Public Services Division, Room 111, Beltsville, MD 20705.

CAN YOU HELP? The Burnside Plantation, Inc. in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania is relocating a mid-19th century Pennsylvania bank barn onto the Plantation. Attached to the barn is a horsepower shed containing the original wooden overhead horsewheel and associated gearing for driving a threshing machine. Some critical parts are missing, and must be reconstructed. Details of a wooden horsewheel, the locations of any surviving examples, or the locations of any libraries containing illustrations of this type of machinery would be appreciated. Locations where horsewheels were known to have existed, along with knowing the locations of any threshing machines dating from 1800 to 1860, or any sites where such machines were known to have been

used, would be very helpful. Please contact: Stephen G. Young, Researcher, Burnside Plantation, Inc., P.O. Box 0559, Bethlehem, PA 18016-0559.

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT. A recent graduate of anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley, is interested in finding employment or an internship concerning artifact conservation or research in a museum in the San Francisco area. Suggestions or information would be appreciated. Please contact: Deborah Short, 811 Russell Lane, Milpitas, CA 95035.

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